

## **State of New York Offices of the Inspector General**

### **Western Regional Office Investigators – Buffalo and Syracuse**

The Offices of the Inspector General (“OIG”) are comprised of three offices, derived from three appointments held by Inspector General Lucy Lang: The Office of the New York State Inspector General (“NYSIG”), as established by Executive Law Article 4-A, which is entrusted with the responsibility of ensuring that New York State government, its employees, and those who work with the State meet the highest standards of honesty, accountability, and efficiency; The Office of the New York State Welfare Inspector General (“OWIG”), as established by section 74 of the Executive Law, which is responsible for maintaining the integrity of New York State’s public assistance programs; and The Office of the New York State Workers’ Compensation Fraud Inspector General (“WCFIG”), as established by section 136 of the Workers’ Compensation Law, which is responsible for investigating violations of the laws and regulations pertaining to the operation of the workers’ compensation system. Additionally, as of June 18, 2021, the duties and responsibilities of the former Office of the Gaming Inspector General were transferred to and encompassed by NYSIG, including the duty to receive and investigate complaints from any source concerning allegations of corruption, fraud, criminal activity, conflicts of interest or abuse in the Gaming Commission. Staff comprising OIG’s Western Region are assigned to locations in Buffalo, Syracuse, and Rochester.

### **Job Description**

OIG conducts in-depth investigations and analysis of alleged fraud, abuse, corruption, conflicts of interest, and other criminal activity in New York State agencies and entities under its jurisdiction. Investigators work collaboratively with OIG attorneys and auditors to identify, plan, and execute investigations of various types, and to prepare written reports documenting investigative activities and findings. Investigators utilize multiple investigatory techniques, including surveillance, witness/target interviews, digital forensics, and data analysis, including financial records. Investigators often liaise with other federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies and assist in the referral and prosecution of criminal matters. Frequent statewide travel is required as well as a willingness and availability to work unscheduled hours as necessary.

### **Minimum Qualifications**

Candidates should have a minimum of 5 years of law enforcement experience with a local, state, or federal law enforcement agency or subject-matter specific (welfare, worker's compensation, gaming) investigative agency. OIG Investigators conduct large-scale, confidential, sensitive, and internal investigations, most frequently related to contracts, procurements, public benefits, and white-collar crime, and therefore ideal candidates will have investigative experience in some or all of those subject matter areas, as well as significant familiarity with New York State criminal law and procedure and New York State government operations. Candidates must also have a bachelor's degree and valid NYS driver's license. DCJS-certified police or peace officer status is preferred.

Additionally, candidates should be proficient at interacting with high-level counterparts at other law enforcement agencies, display functional knowledge of technical equipment used in law enforcement investigations, such as audio and video surveillance devices. As many of OIGs investigations involve significant documentary evidence, adeptness at word processing and spreadsheet programs is essential. Candidates should also possess the ability to expertly and creatively explore other investigatory resources such as social media, law enforcement databases (Compass, EJustice, Accurant, Dun & Bradstreet, NYSPIN, etc), and digital forensic-related tools. The ideal candidate possesses sound judgment, strong oral and written communication skills, has a collegial attitude, is a self-starter, works well both independently and in a team setting, and is a highly adept multitasker.

**Please note: New York State Residency is Required. Applications from retirees requiring a section 211 waiver will not be considered.**

**To Apply:**

This is a Management Confidential position that is appointed by the Inspector General. The salary range is \$61,423-\$76,218 (Grade 18 equivalent).

Please email resume and cover letter, with Job ID #23-0331 "Investigator" and interested location in the subject line, to:

**[jobs@IG.NY.gov](mailto:jobs@IG.NY.gov)**

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